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**PATENT**

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the title with "Admixture Comprising a Target Molecule and a Nucleic Acid Mimic Comprising Sterically Bulky Substitutents".

Please add the Abstract which accompanies this response on a separate page.